

Maternal and Child Health Services Program Information Fall 2006 Training

BabyCare Program

The BabyCare program includes two components:

- Maternal Infant Care Coordination (MICC) for pregnant women and infants up to age two who are identified as high-risk and
- Expanded prenatal services for pregnant women including patient education classes, nutritional services, homemaker services and Substance Abuse Treatment Services (SATS).

Bright Futures Web Based Training Module Intro/Update

Bright Futures Guidelines, created by over 70 national professional organizations, were adopted by the Virginia Department of Health as the state standard for children's health care in 2001. The Bright Futures web course provides an overview of Bright Futures Guidelines, explains Virginia's EPSDT program services and how Bright Futures can be implemented as part of the EPSDT program services to promote child and adolescent health. Bright Futures website address www.vcu-cme.org/bf.

Care Connection for Children

The Care Connection for Children network is a federally funded statewide program of the Virginia Department of Health serving families and children with special health care needs (CSHCN) with physical disabilities from birth to age 21 years. The network consists of six Care Connection for Children centers, which are affiliated with hospitals providing pediatric specialty services and local health departments. The centers provide assistance in accessing specialty medical services and a medical home, care coordination, medical insurance benefits evaluation and coordination, information and referral to CSHCN resources, family-to-family support, and training and technical assistance for community providers on CSHCN issues.

Early Intervention Services

Early intervention supports and services are for infants and toddlers from birth through age two who are not developing as expected or who have a condition that can delay normal development. Early Intervention focuses on increasing the child's participation in family and community activities that are important to the family. Early Intervention also focuses on helping the parents and other caregivers know how to find ways to help the child learn during everyday activities.

EPSDT

The Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Program is the Medicaid program for children up to the age of 21. The program aims to maintain child health with a preventive treatment approach. The program consists of EPSDT health screenings, which include mandatory lead testing, immunizations, hearing screenings, vision screenings, and dental referrals. The program also provides medically necessary specialized treatment services such as hearing aids, personal care, nursing and substance abuse treatment.

Family Planning Services Program

The purpose of this waiver program is to extend family planning services for up to 24 months following the end of pregnancy for women who received a Medicaid-funded, pregnancy-related service during their most recent pregnancy.

FAMIS MOMS

The FAMIS MOMS program provides health care coverage for pregnant women. Good health care during pregnancy is important for you and the baby. FAMIS MOMS encourages pregnant women to get early and regular prenatal care to increase the likelihood for a healthy birth outcome.

Genetic and Metabolic Services

The goal of the Virginia Genetics Program is to reduce the occurrence of injury or deaths from potential or existing genetic conditions by providing access to appropriate education, testing, counseling, and treatment. Under the scope of the Genetics Program are Virginia Newborn Screening Services, the state birth defects registry, contracts with genetic/metabolic treatment centers and the Virginia Genetics Advisory Committee. The Virginia Genetics Program aims to assure that necessary genetic services and education are available to citizens of the Commonwealth.

Lead Safe Virginia

Approximately 13,800 children (4.4%) in Virginia are estimated to have a blood lead level above the level of concern (10 micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood).

The Virginia Department of Health receives federal funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. These funds are used in combination with state and local funding to provide blood lead screening, medical follow-up, nutritional counseling, lead hazard reduction counseling, environmental lead hazard investigation, and public education.

MCO High Risk Maternity and Infant Programs

Case management services for high-risk pregnant women and children that include coordination of services for maternal and child health to minimize fragmentation of care, reduce barriers, and link clients with appropriate services to ensure comprehensive, continuous health care.

School Services

Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), public schools are required to provide children with disabilities with a free appropriate public education (FAPE), including special education and related services according to each child's individualized education plan (IEP) or individualized family service plan (IFSP). Related services are those services that enable a child to benefit from special education. Congress is allowing the use of funds available under Medicaid to finance health services delivered to the subset of special education students who are enrolled in the Medicaid Program. The covered health services include physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, skilled nursing services, psychiatric services and EPSDT Health Screenings.

Virginia Early Hearing Detection and Intervention

The goal of the Virginia Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program is to identify congenital hearing loss in children before three months of age and to assure enrollment in appropriate early intervention services before six months of age. (Slides provided by Pat T. Dewey M.Ed., Program Manager Virginia Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program.)

Virginia Vaccines For Children

The Virginia Vaccines For Children (VVFC) program is a federal program established in 1994 to help raise childhood immunization rates in Virginia. Cost of vaccine and location of providers were determined to be barriers to immunization. Through partnerships with physicians, the VVFC program is designed to reduce the effects of these barriers. VVFC provides federally purchased vaccine, at no cost to health care providers, for administration to eligible children.

WIC

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children is funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture and is operated through local health departments and satellite and mobile clinics in Virginia. WIC provides high-quality nutritional care and food to the participants. The program provides milk, cheese, eggs, juice, cereal, dried beans or peas, peanut butter and iron-fortified formula that supply crucial nutrients such as protein, iron, calcium, and vitamins A and C essential to maintain health.